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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2616

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated July 12, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in light of the following remarks.

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the Final Rejection that claims 9-13 are allowed and that claims 15, 17, 20, and 22 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, and 23 stand rejected, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Falck et al. (US 6,360,265) in view of Liberti et al. (US 6,947,408). The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections based on the following remarks.